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SUBJECT: OSORIO NAMED NEW PRESS CHIEF

1. AS PART OF DIRECT FALLOUT FROM JACK ANDERSON ARTICLES CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA AND SOMOZA'S FRUSTRATION OVER HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM, IVAN OSORIO PETERS HAS BEEN NAMED SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION, REPLACING EFRAIN HUEZO. OSORIO, WHO WILL CONTINUE AS VICE-MINISTER OF URBAN PLANNING--THE PRINCIPAL CHANNEL FOR AID EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION MONEY--HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY 1967-1973.

2. COMMENT: THE SMOOTH AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OSORIO IS CERTAINLY AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE BUMBLING HUEZO. BUT BOTH URBAN PLANNING AND THE PRESS JOBS ARE FULL-TIME, DEMANDING POSITIONS AND UNDOUBTEDLY ONE WILL HAVE TO SUFFER FROM HIS MOONLIGHTING.
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